

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the amendments, is respectfully requested.

Prior to this amendment, Claims 1-16 were pending in the application, with Claims 1, 4, 6, 9 and 10 being the independent claims.

In the latest Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,940,515 to *Kasavaraju* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,654,598 to *Son*.

Regarding the §103(a) rejection, the Examiner contends that each element of Claims 1-16 is taught, suggested or rendered obvious by the combination of *Kasavaraju* and *Son*. Specifically, the Examiner contends that each element of Claim 1 is taught or suggested by *Kasavaraju* with the exception of entering at least one digit of a recipient's phone number. The Examiner cites *Son* in an attempt to remedy this deficiency.

Kasavaraju discloses a method for secure dialing in a mobile telephone system in which a dialed number is transmitted to the base station via a reverse traffic channel to prevent identification of the dialed digits by other stations. Specifically, *Kasavaraju* describes a first origination message that omits a dialed number. Forward and reverse traffic channels are assigned before transmission of a dialed number in an origination continuation message over the reverse traffic channel.

Son discloses a method for setting up a call in a wireless local loop system. Specifically, *Son* describes that an origination message is transmitted upon detection of a first digit for the assignment of traffic channels. Claims 1-3, 10 and 11 have been cancelled without prejudice. Minor amendments are provided for Claims 5, 6, 8 and 9.

Claim 4 recites, in part, that the base station acknowledges a wireless resource assignment request message from the mobile switching center as a message indicating completion of the assignment of the wire resource in the mobile switching center.

Kasavaraju describes secure dialing, but fails to provide any disclosure relating to a mobile switching center and the assignment of wire resources. Further, *Kasavaraju* describes that a base station receives an origination message from a mobile station and responds with a channel assignment message and acknowledges the order to initiate the telephonic communication. *Kasavaraju* fails to disclose the acknowledgement of a wireless resource assignment request message as a message indicating completion of the assignment of the wire resource in the mobile switching center, as recited in Claim 4.

Son describes a switching center connected to the base station that connects a call to a destination mobile station according to a destination telephone number. However, *Son* fails to disclose the transmission of a wireless resource assignment request message from the switching center to the base station, and the acknowledgement, by the base station, that this message indicates completion of wire resource assignment at the switching center, as recited in Claim 4. Thus, independent Claim 4 is patentable over the combination of *Kasavaraju* and *Son*.

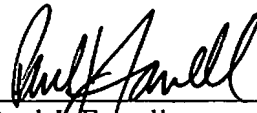
The Examiner also rejected independent Claims 6 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Claims 6 and 9 contain subject matter similar to that of Claim 4 described above. Claims 6 and 9 also recite that a service request message is transmitted to the mobile switching center simultaneously with the assignment of wireless resources to the mobile station. *Kasavaraju* and *Son* fail to provide any disclosure relating to the transmission of a service request message to a mobile switching center upon the reception of a first origination message, as recited in Claims 6 and 9. In view of the above, Claims 6 and 9 are also patentable over the combination of *Kasavaraju* and *Son*.

Regarding Claims 5, 7, 8 and 12-16, while not conceding the patentability of the dependent claims, *per se*, these claims are also patentable for at least the above reasons.

Accordingly, Applicants assert that Claims 4-9 and 12-16 are allowable over the combination of *Kasavaraju* and *Son*, and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) should be withdrawn.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 4-9 and 12-16 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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